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1. SUMMARY: THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE HAS
PROMPTED A SPATE OF PESSIMISTIC COMMENT IN THE
MOROCCAN PRESS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FROM
LARGELY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, THE FRENCH-LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBE THE POLITICAL CLIMATE AT
CAMP DAVID AS BEING ONE OF "GENERAL SECEPTICISM."
THE ARABIC PRESS IN LENGTHY EDITORIALS APPLAUDS
PRESIDENT SADAT'S ACCEPTING THE AMERICAN INVITA-
TION TO GO TO CAMP DAVID BUT DOUBTS THAT WORTH-
WHILE RESULTS WILL EMERGE FROM THE PROCEEDINGS.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRO-GOVERNMENT FRENCH DAILY LE MATIN IN A
LONG ARTICLE EXCERPTED FROM AFP AND REUTERS
PLACES THE BURDEN OF SUCCESS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON
THE UNITED STATES. "BY ORGANIZING THE SUMMIT, PRESI-
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DENT CARTER HAS INVOLVED HIS OWN PRESTIGE AS WELL AS
THAT OF HIS COUNTRY." THE ISTIQLALI DAILY L'OPINION
IN A FRONT PAGE REPORT TAKEN MOSTLY FROM AFP SOURCES
TREATS OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO PARIS AND POINTS
OUT THAT ON AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS
THERE "IS A CONVERGENCE OF EGYPTIAN AND FRENCH POINTS
OF VIEW." ON THE CAMP DAVID MEETING, MR. SADAT

CHARACTERIZES PRESIDENT CARTER'S INITIATIVE AS
"COURAGEOUS." THE PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL MAGHRIB
DRAWING ON AFP AND REUTERS SEES THE CONFERENCE AS
"THE SUMMIT OF THE LAST CHANCE," FRAUGHT WITH POLIT-
ICAL RISKS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS YET EARNING--DESPITE
THESE RISKS--THE SUPPORT OF SAUDI ARABIA.

3. IN AN UNSIGNED COMMENTARY, THE ARABIC SOCILAIST
DAILY AL MUHARRIR PREDICTS "NO DECISIVE OUTCOME AT
CAMP DAVID" BUT VIEWS THE ACTIVE AMERICAN PARTICI-
PATION AS A CONCILIATORY GESTURE, TO MR. SADAT WHO
HAD PROMISED AT THE OAU KHARTOUM MEETING" "NOT TO
RESUME CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL." AL ALAM, THE ISTIQLALI
ARABIC PAPER, BELIEVES "EVEN PRESIDENT CARTER
HOLDS LITTLE HOPE FOR THE COMPLETE SUCCESS" OF THE
CONFERENCE. PRO-GOVERNMENT AL MITHAQ AL WATANI FIRST
PRAISES "THE WHITE HOUSE FOR SPONSORING THE MEETING"
AND THEN CONCLUDES THAT ITS "RESULTS WHETHER POSITIVE
OR NEGATIVE WILL BE PROCLAIMED PUBLICLY." FOREIGN AFFAIRS
EDITOR RAMZ ABDELHAMID IN THE COMMUNIST DAILY AL BAYANE
CRITICIZES PRESIDENT SADAT AND CAUTIONS "THAT THE
EGYPTIAN LEADER HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MOST
WHITE HOUSE PLANS, INCLUDING SEVERAL THAT PREDATE THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION."RENTSCHLER

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